

CHAPTER 76.

TO PUNISH FRAUDS ON HOTEL KEEPERS, ETC.

AN ACT to Define and Punish Frauds upon Hotel, Inn, Boarding and Eating-House Keepers. H. F. 106.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That any person who shall obtain food, lodging, or other accommodation at any hotel, inn, boarding, or eating-house, with intent to defraud the owner or keeper thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Obtaining food or lodging with intent to defraud, a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. Proof that lodging, food, or other accommodation was obtained by false pretense, or by false or fictitious show or pretense of baggage, or that the party refused or neglected to pay for such food, lodging, or other accommodation on demand, or that he absconded or left the premises without paying or offering to pay for such food, lodging, or other accommodation, or that he surreptitiously removed, or attempted to remove his baggage, shall be *prima facie* proof of the fraudulent intent mentioned in section 1 of this act; but this act shall not apply to regular boarders, nor when there has been an agreement for delay in payment.

Refusal or neglect to pay is *prima facie* evidence of fraud.

Approved, March 22, 1860.

CHAPTER 77.

RELATIVE TO JURY TRIALS.

AN ACT in Relation to Jury Trial in Cases for Violation of Ordinances of Cities of Second Class and Incorporated Towns. H. F. 120.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. On an information for a violation of an ordinance of an incorporated town or city of the second class, the defendant shall not be entitled to a trial by jury, but shall be tried by the court without a jury except on appeal. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this are hereby repealed.

Defendant not entitled to a trial by jury for a violation of ordinance.